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HONGKONG, APRIL 8TH, 1893.

At the annual meeting of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce Mr. MOLLISON, a member, referred to the enormous increase which took place in the foreign trade of Japan last year as disproving the contention advanced in the address to the Throne on Treaty Revision to the effect that Japan's trade was being injured by her inability to impose high duties on imports. The translation of the address quoted by Mr. MOLLISON was as follows:—“The exercise of the extra-territorial system enables foreigners to ‘obey only their own laws and to be subjected to their own judiciary within the territories of this Empire. Yet we, in their countries, are compelled to obey their laws, and submit to their jurisdiction. Further, the restrictions imposed in respect of the Customs tariff, disable us from exercising our natural right to tax imported goods, whereas foreign countries impose heavy duties on goods exported by us. Thus our judicial and fiscal rights being alike impaired, foreigners are enabled to behave in an arbitrary manner.”

The result must be that our commerce and industries will deteriorate, and that the national wealth will decrease, and that in the end there will be no means of re-expanding our resources.” Except for the greater fulness and closer attention to the reasoning in the latter we fail to see that there is very much difference between the two translations. The general idea clearly appearing in both is that inability to impose high duties is a disadvantage. But, says the *Japan Mail*, this does not mean that the framers of the address meant to argue in favour of protection, what they want is simply fair trade, the ability to meet high tariffs in other countries by high tariffs in Japan. We must confess to a feeling of disappointment at finding our contemporary giving in its adhesion to the fair trade fallacy, instead of using its influence with the Japanese to further the doctrine of free trade. If Japan were by treaty revision granted the freedom which the *Mail* has so long and ardently advocated, to enter upon a war of tariffs would be a sorry use to make of it. The passage in the address, we are told, means simply that to comply with the law.

If Japan is content to be perpetually debarred from the exercise of her sovereign right to make the opening of her own market to foreign goods conditional upon the opening of foreign markets to Japanese goods, she must be prepared to see her commerce and industry gradually choked by the restrictions which all Western States, with one exception, are increasingly prompted to impose upon their industrial and commercial rivals. And this doctrine is apparently assented to by our contemporary, or at all events it is not controverted. But fair trade is simply protection in disguise, and the thing is equally mischievous under either name, meaning as it does that the great body of consumers are to be taxed for the benefit of a few capitalists interested in particular industries. If Japan by a low tariff facilitates the entry of imports from other countries, the countries from which these imports come must force Japan to Japanese products in exchange, while on the other hand, if imports are shut out by a high tariff the export trade must of necessity decline in a corresponding degree. The prosperity which has attended Japan's foreign trade under existing conditions, which are but a short step removed from free trade, ought to be itself sufficient to convince Japanese statesmen of the excellence of a low tariff and of the fallacy of the doctrine of fair trade or protection.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Peak Church to-morrow at 8 a.m.

A two-story weather-board house at Yau-hau, modelled and owned by Mr. F. P. Blaauw, was burnt down on the 25th last.

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Tomorrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Dayspring*, carrying the Bethel flag, will call alongside any vessel holding due portance to C. to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) church, returning about 12.30.

The Earl and Countess of Jersey and party leave Hongkong by day of the P.M. steamer *Pen*, which, as was announced recently, will be chartered to the Island Sea and Sun, and have a double attraction which the distinguished passengers had in mind in selecting this route to the States.

The following is the course for the fourteenth Club race of the Oriental Sailing Club tomorrow.—From S. M. pier, round the western Island, west, fair-way buoy, and Channel, leaving all to port and finish from E. to W. 14 miles. The *Dark and Purple* will sail off the tie for the third Hawken Cup at the same time, the latter allowing the former 1 min. 20 sec.

A terrible tragedy is reported in the Japanese papers. A young man, the eldest son of a farmer, murdered his father, his step-mother, and three children, and in order to conceal his crime, left the house. When the bodies were discovered, there was not so far charred as to obliterate all traces of the wounds and the young man was being arrested confused by his crime.

Prior to the arrival of the oil-tank steamer *Castor* and the question of empty barrels having been settled, the *Japan Gazette* was silent. “24 sen and 6 sen each barrel,” since the arrival of the steamer, however, the question has gradually advanced to 1 sen for the boxes and 10 sen for the tins, at which rate they are now quoted. The tendency is said to be still upward.

The following official movements at Singapore are reported.—The Hon. J. W. Benson, Attorney-General, has been appointed to be Acting Chief Justice. It is not known who may act as Attorney-General; but probably Mr. Logan, or so. The Hon. W. F. Maxwell, Colonial Secretary, goes home probably by the M. S. steamer *Castor* on the 11th of April, for the last time.

At the Magistrate yesterday before Capt. Hastings 10 men were convicted of playing in a den of gambling houses. Hing Long, Lam, and five others, 24 sen. A bullet was found in bringing into the colour a case suffering from disease on the 4th inst. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon stated that it did not require any technical knowledge to perceive that the animal was badly diseased. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

The *Japan Gazette* says:—“A shocking crime is alleged in the vernacular papers against a young man, named Sakumatsu Yamakoshi, of Hongo, Tokyo, reputed to be a Christian and member of a church in the Hongo district. It is stated the man had immoral relations with the woman, who, in January, gave birth to a child. Having no means of supporting the child the woman choked the infant and the man then cast the body into Lake Shinobazu round which the Ueno race track runs. On the police learning of the murder the couple were arrested.”

The *Japan Gazette* says:—“The fashion year is likely to witness a great deal of innovation. Hitherto the year importers have proved themselves to be more genial and enterprising in their dealing with the public than ever before, and though the total up to about \$35,000. We are told that the number of publicans in Yedo are pre-arranged for their spinning—propose to start another mill in the town of Kasuri with a capital of \$300,000, and with a plant of about 16,000 spindles. The motive power is to be water, the river Kiso being utilized for this purpose.”

Says a San Francisco paper:—“For months past the Chinese Six Companies have been all in all in their hold upon the Chinese residents of the Pacific Slope, and they succeeded in their efforts to prevent their countrymen from registering as provided by the Geary law. While the Six Companies have undoubtedly shown this power, it has been purely for a financial end, and it is evident that after gathering many dollars from their subjects, to be used for ‘defense’ in case of their rebellion, registration has been declared off. Confirmation of this statement is hardly needed when the assessment of the Chinese Six Companies is made to applicants as fast as possible, and the Chinese have not possessed themselves of certificates of residence or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the living membrane of the nose and esophagus tube.”

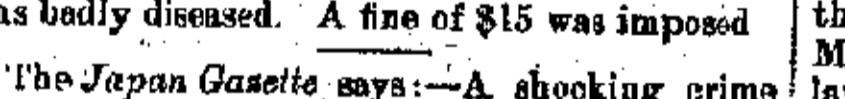
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A paper on this theme was read at a Conference of Protestant missionaries of South China at Canton by Dr. E. P. Thring, of Brooklyn, New York, on the 1st instant. Dr. Thring is making a second sojourn of two years in the Far East, having followed the news of the war, and the progress of the Chinese revolution. He has been deeply impressed by the rapid growth of the empire, and the hope that the increasing wealth of the country might lead to further expansion of the wants of the people and the import trade. This hope has been to a certain extent fulfilled, and we may look forward to further increases in 1893.

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The disaster at Sandgate was caused by a land slip. The town is built upon a comparatively low cliff close to the sea. The waves are believed to have undermined the cliff, causing it to give way, and soon brought out the fact that Lady Howard was ill at the hotel where she was staying with her friend, Miss Holden, and that Miss Holden was present all the time the Count de Madre was in her ladyship's chamber. The Judge thereupon remarked, with asperity, that perhaps Sir Edward could now better understand the force of his observation.

THE PROPOSED DIVORCE FROM ENGLAND CO. FRANCE.

LONDON, 6th March.

The House of Commons is to be asked this session to sanction the conversion of the Duke of Orleans into a Frenchman. The Earl of Ellesmere, Mr. George Schuster and Horace Frenchman, and Sir John Fowler and Sir Benj. Janin Baker, engineers for the bridge, are responsible for the latest designs, which provide for a bridge on the castellor principle, having with the top two hundred houses were destroyed.

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It is generally known that an Act of Parliament was made in the reign of Edward II, prohibiting any one from being served, at dinner or supper, with more than two courses, except upon some great holidays there specified, unless it could be served with three. This Act has never been repealed and is therefore still in force.

The history of the earth is measured by millions of years, and Mr. Foster ventured to estimate the age of the oldest rocks at 100,000,000 years. The greater part of the world's surface is covered by the ocean, and the date of the formation of the ocean is unknown.

The marriage of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the daughter of the Duke of Parma is to be celebrated at Varese, Italy, on April 10th. The greater part of the world's surface is covered by the ocean, and the date of the formation of the ocean is unknown.

The wedding will consist of twenty-three spans alternately of 1,630 and 900 feet, supported on seventy-two piers. The cost is estimated at \$163,750,000 and the period required for the construction is seven years.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.

STANLEY ON THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

The Del Cesar, one of His expedition arrived here to-day from Katanga via Insempo. They left Katanga January 11th and arrived at Lusambo on January 26th. Lieutenant Hochmann and Captain Blas are dead and 400 soldiers and porters have perished. Lieutenant Franqui put the plates sent by the Royal Geographical Society to the men who were living when Livingstone died at Lake Bangwele.

The expedition travelled four thousand miles in thirteen months. Katanga is a rich agricultural country. No information concerning the existence of gold will be given. The Arabs are strongly fortified in Katanga and the portuguese have not yet been able to penetrate Lake Tanganyika. Lippsius and Boucicault were massacred at Kasongo. The expedition leaves Stanley Falls for the south to make war against the Arabs. All the members of the expedition are in good health and leave February 8th.

A TERRIBLE HURRICANE IN MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, 6th March.

News of a hurricane at Tananarive, the west coast of Madagascar, on February 22nd, was received to-day. The wind came from the sea and first struck the vessel near the mouth of the bay. The *Almeia*, a French ship, was stripped almost instantly of masts and rigging and a few minutes later went to the bottom with all on board.

Five trading vessels anchored within the harbour founders almost simultaneously and only ten men of their crews were saved. Four other traders sank before the storm passed.

In Tananarive the streets were swept clean of people and vehicles in a minute. Twenty-two of the best buildings in the place and a large number of houses and smaller trading factories were levelled to the ground. Many lives were lost, but further details are lacking.

THE FRENCH PRESS AND THE AMBASSADORS.

PARIS, 6th March.

In the Deputies to-day the Minister of Foreign Affairs spoke at length in support of the bill proposed by the Duke of Norfolk, which would take of the press upon foreign ambassadors. Ilbert said the Government had no intention of curtailing the legitimate freedom of the press, but such blackguard accusations as had been made a short time ago and other gratuitous insults could not be tolerated. The bill was approved 237 to 189.

OFFERS TO THE POPE.

BONN, 6th March.

The pecuniary result of the papal jubilee is a gain to the coffers of the Vatican of upward of \$250,000, as well as jewels, plate and other valuable articles, which are estimated to be worth nearly \$2,000,000. The Duke of Norfolk has offered to contribute the sum of \$50,000, and next comes Emperor Francis Joseph, who offers \$20,000; Archduke Franz and the Prince of Hungary give \$24,000 cash, as they can afford very well to do, considering that each probably has a revenue of over \$24,000 a year. The Bohemian territorial magnates sent \$21,000, while the nobility of Rome and the convents and monasteries made up \$22,000, and \$16,000 came from South America.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

LONDON, 6th March.

The Campaign, starting on Friday, will have a very full calendar. There are several very nice and fancy prices are being paid for good positions. In London this week an agent sold a saloon cabin, containing two berths, for \$600 for a single passenger to New York, and he has no doubt that the Campaign's second trip from Liverpool on May 6th the same cabin will be worth \$1,000.

Mrs. Langtry's quarantine at Malta was not a very dull time to the lady if reports to certain friends are reliable. It seems that the self-styled Queen of the Garrison gave her a reception to relieve the tedium of her temporary imprisonment. The affair was gay and interesting. The Lily gave theatrical recitations at the banquet table, and a charming old soldier that all the foreign troops were starved to death, others that he had them to death. Which is correct. Professor Fawcett, who then sat below the gangway, was unable to blindfold, to find his own hat quickly enough. He overcame the emergency, however, by borrowing the white cap of a soft cap of his son, and when he arose to address the house, another requirement was that a member of the household must be present from the ranks of the audience, and never from the entrance, the bar or the gangway. The same rule is observed when he rises to order in the course of debate, but if he raises a point

CHARLEY DOWNS'S ORDEAL: A RAILWAY ROMANCE.

BY HENRY FIRTH.

A FAITHFUL GUARD.

"I think, sir," remarked Wrightson one afternoon as we were sauntering by the sluggish stream, "that I mentioned to you a guard; Charley Dow, who was on our line. Yes, you told me so. That's the name of the guard, I think. He was mixed up in that accident in which Francis Deane's intended bride was mortally injured."

"Just so, well, you're his cottage; and it upon me could persuade him, over a pipe, to tell his 'experience' of the van, he'd just stepped on you."

"Well, let me see and see him—you know him well, I suppose?"

"Well enough; but he's a quiet chap; Charley. Still his story of the robbery of the gold is as good as your hair might most stand up on your head; and never come down again."

At this suggestion I took my pipe and sat down, as I said, with such a bang as the nearby gatekeeper indicated, and I was not altogether sorry when on making inquiry of Mrs. Dow, a handsome middle-aged woman, we found that her husband was out with her father—a very old man.

The manner of the woman, and her evident unwillingness to stir from any information about her family, and as baffled, we returned homeward. I asked my companion to tell me Charley's tale.

After supper old Wrightson joined me in the porch as usual; and as the soft autumn breeze fanned one face and wafted the smoke through the eastward trellises, related the promised story.

"It was just this way, sir: Charley Dow was on the Continental traffic, and had, of course, a nice berth. One evening down on Popplestone Pier who was waiting for the steamboat, Charley met old Judding and his daughter, Judding was the parrot's clerk at the seaside terminus, and a daughter Nancy, a nice, plump girl, of a girl, Tom, the son of that Charley joined the elder, and his daughter on the pier, for the guard was smitten a bit with Nancy, who admired him in his uniform.

"But much as she liked Charley—and she did too—doubt about their—she just worshipped her father! Though only a parrot's clerk, he was quite a man, and a good one, though, but what a big mind very much was a fellow who was living with the Juddings, and who came to join Nancy on the pier."

Charley was cross. He didn't want to be put off to saunter about with Judding. He'd rather have had a smoke in his van than that; but to his sight, sir, the lodger, a smart-looking gentleman from London, left Nancy and the others to drop him.

Charley dropped back at once to join the young woman, and said, addressing at the lodger: "Who's your friend, Miss Nancy?"

"My friend? It isn't no particular friend o' mine. He's our lodger; a very agreeable man kind to father; very kind to father he is."

"So you like him, then?"

"He's not bad, but he's very busy. Has plenty of money, I should say."

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"I said it was, and asked him to sit down."

"Can you tell me where Bob Judding is?"

"The man who was in the railway, and who has a daughter Nancy."

"He came to me point direct, you see, in a business manner, and I replied as straight:

"No, I can't. What do you want with him, may I ask?"

"You may; but maybe I won't tell you."

"Very well, then, I'll hold my tongue too, and you needn't wait here," said I.

"Then you do know where he is?"

"I said nothing, but just read the paper."

He went on:

"Come, let us be candid, man. Your name is Wrightson. Mine is Benjamin Judding from Australia!"

"Down went the paper, and up jumped I."

"Uncle Ben," cried, "who lets all the men go?"

"I said, 'I've got a leather, carrier bag, and a trunk.'"

"Why your brother came into a fortune, he said, smiling, and I replied, 'I've got a leather, carrier bag, and a trunk.'"

"Rubbish!" said Uncle Ben. "My brother never came into my fortune, for I've lost it."

"I lost nearly all my fortune, but was caught."

"What's that?"

"Miss Nancy's bag was taken."

